

**IN THE HIGH COURT OF THE FEDERAL CAPITAL TERRITORY**

**IN THE ABUJA JUDICIAL DIVISION**

**HOLDEN AT MAITAMA**

**BEFORE HIS LORDSHIP : HON. JUSTICE Y. HALILU**  
**COURT CLERKS : JANET O. ODAH & ORS**  
**COURT NUMBER : HIGH COURT NO. 14**  
**CASE NUMBER : CHARGE NO: CR/320/2024**  
**DATE: : WEDNESDAY 13<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER, 2024**

**BETWEEN:**

**FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA ..... COMPLAINANT**

**AND**

**DANIEL BLAVO AMEYO ..... DEFENDANT**

## **JUDGMENT**

Defendant was arraigned before this court on the 13<sup>th</sup> November, 2024 on a two (2) count charge, based on a Plea Bargain Agreement dated the 4<sup>th</sup> November 2024 duly signed by both Prosecution and Defendant in that order.

Defendant pleaded guilty to the two count charge.

It is instructive to note that this court is not one of summary trial to warrant convicting and suffering an accused upon a guilty plea.

I am however to note that it is the desire of Government to ensure proceeds of crime are not stolen forever; opportunity to Plea Bargain was created vide legislative intention. Section 270 of Administration of Criminal Justice Act (2015) which allows for plea bargain, now permits for summary judgment upon a guilty plea entered by an accused person.

I have seen and read the two count charge. They are not bordered on crimes that are capital in nature which is why a guilty plea is hereby entered. Were they, the court could have entered a not guilty plea despite the guilty plea.

Accordingly, Defendant is hereby convicted as charged.

***Justice Y. Halilu  
Hon. Judge  
13<sup>th</sup> November, 2024***

## **ALLOCUTUS**

Dibang, Esq.: - We have filed Plea Bargain Agreement before the court. We urge the court to convict and sentence the Defendant as agreed.

Anande, Esq.: - We are in agreement my lord.

## **SENTENCING**

Convict is hereby sentenced to a term of one year imprisonment with option to pay fine of N400,000.00.

Convict shall and hereby forfeit his Iphone XS 14 recovered from him which was bought with proceeds of crime.

One Macbook Laptop recovered from the convict shall be forfeited to the Federal Republic of Nigeria, same being proceed of crime.

Similarly, the sum of N2,0300,000 recovered from the convict being proceeds of crime shall be returned to the victim through her Embassy. Convict shall also depose to affidavit of good behavior.

***Justice Y. Halilu  
Hon. Judge  
13<sup>th</sup> November, 2024***

## **APPEARANCE**

F. O Dibang, Esq. – for Prosecution.

Terungwa Anande, Esq. – for the Defendant.